HEALTH CAMPAIGN AIDED BY SEAL SALE

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.- The annual Christmas seal sale of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association will supply funds for a health campaign which has just been warmly endorsed by Virginia's new State Health Commissioner.

The executive, Dr. Mack L. Shamholtz, says: "The State Health Department regards the Virginia Tuberculosis Association and its affiliates as powerful allies in its campaign against tuberculosis. The Tuberculosis Association has always been both eager and able to cooperate in promotional and educational aspects of our control program to supplement Health Department personnel and funds in the carrying out of an ever-increasing number of case-finding projects, and to assist in the conducting of chest clinics, to say nothing of a well-known willingness to underwrite emergencies of any kind."

Dr. Shamholtz's statement was pointed out by Robert Barrie, executive director of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, as a sign of the effectiveness of the cooperation between the state and the public-supported local tuberculosis associations throughout Virginia in the effort to wipe out TB.

"The local associations are doing a job that must be done L. we are to make headway against the disease," Barrie said. "I hope that all Virginians will realize that in responding to the 1951 Christmas Seal sale of tuberculosis associations throughout Virginia."

Barrie pointed out five activities of county and city TB associations:

"To keep before the public a continuous campaign of public information so that people will know what to do for health care and what they have a right to expect from government in the form of health services.

"To advocate legislation which will authorize and enable government to provide needed public health services and facilities.

"To promote action to secure necessary appropriations so that the public agencies will have their needed facilities and personnel.

"To introduce new lines of work, through temporary demonstrations, subsidies and loan of personnel, to indicate their need and value to the tax-paying public.

"To offer constructive suggestions based on facts which, if made to responsible officials, may lead to changes in policies which may make the program of the official agency more helpful and constructive."

Gold and dollar funds of British show steady decline.

British conclude an oil deal with India.

Judge Murphy, of New York, to head Truman "clean up" committee.

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that tie first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

Appomattox is a growing town.

WINCHESTER BICENTENNIAL

Winchester, Va., Dec. 19.- Lewis H. Hyde, who has been named vice chairman in charge of special June 6 and November 11 celebrations in connestion withe Winchester Virginia Bicentennial Commission's year long celebration in 1952, has a background which fellow citizens feel to be sufficient qualification for the post.

Though born in New York City, Hyde has spent most of his life here, and his mother in a Winchester native - the former Leila M. McGuire. His father was a New York attorney.

During the war he entered the service as a Navy enlisted man aboard a submarine in the Atlantic. He later served as an officer in air combat intelligence in the South and Central Pacific. He is presently a Lieutenant Commander on the inactive list, USNR.

In 1947 Hyde was secretary of the Winchester Junior Chamber of Commerce. Since 1947 he has been an active member of the Winchester Exchange Club. He was secretary of the local Community Chest in 1950.

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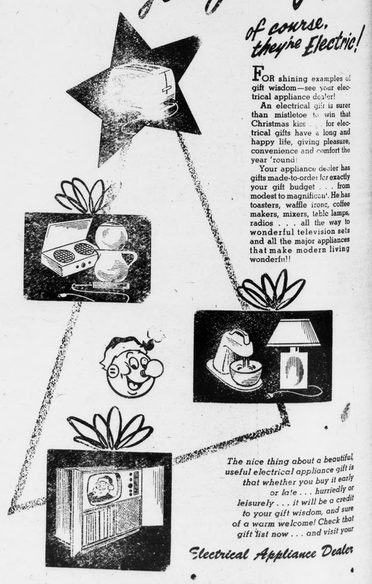

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The Legends of Christmas

THERE ARE almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.

THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM . . . The Babe in the manger, surrounded by gentle animals, is a vision we can see more clearly with our hearts than with our eyes. And seeing it, we may truly say, "Glory to God in the highest."

OF ALL THE holiday delicacies, none carries more of the old-time traditions and associations of good eating and festivity than mince pie.

Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

English literature dating to the 15th century is full of references to this Christmas favorite, an essential part of Yuletide celebrations in England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring was said to represent the rich gifts of the wise men to the Christ Child.

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